## Utah Transportation Commission Salt Lake City Council Joint Meeting September 11, 2014

The joint meeting of the Utah Transportation Commission and the Salt Lake City Council convened at 12:27 p.m. in The Leonardo – Events Center, 209 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. In attendance were:

<u>Transportation Commission Members:</u> Kent Millington, Meghan Holbrook, Wayne Barlow, Dannie McConkie, Naghi Zeenati, Gayle McKeachnie

Salt Lake City Mayor & Council Members: Mayor Ralph Becker, Charlie Luke, Erin Mendenhall, James Rogers

<u>UDOT Staff:</u> Carlos Braceras, Shane Marshall, Linda Hull, Nathan Lee, Bryan Adams, LeAnn Abegglen

<u>SLC Staff:</u> Mary De La Mare-Schaefer, Robin Hutcheson, Jeff Snelling, Kevin Young, Sean Murphy, Jennifer Bruno, David Everitt, DJ Baxter, Russell Weeks, Cindy Gust-Jenson, Dan Weist, Kira Castagro, Cindi Mansell

Others: Lee Davidson, Jamie Evans, Don Butterfield

## Welcome

Charlie Luke, Salt Lake City Council Chair, welcomed those attending and shared his goals for the meeting.

## INTRODUCTION OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS, CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND MAYOR RALPH BECKER

SLC Councilmember Luke mentioned some issues in his district, such as snow removal on Foothill Boulevard, new development, and aesthetics at intersections. The rest of the attendees introduced themselves. Several attendees made additional comments as part of their introduction. Carlos Braceras, UDOT, spoke about UDOT's strategic plan and emphasis areas, and the role of the Transportation Commission. Bryan Adams, UDOT, commented on their collaboration with SLC and the direction they want to continue pursuing. Transportation Commissioner Meghan Holbrook reiterated the importance of collaboration. Transportation Commissioner Gayle McKeachnie commented on the benefits of communication. SLC Mayor Ralph Becker talked about the unique challenges of Salt Lake City, including daytime population increases, tax challenges, city demographics, growth, and the BikeShare program. Nathan Lee, UDOT, spoke about the collaborative efforts between the UDOT and SLC, which will be seen on today's tour. SLC Councilmember Erin Mendenhall spoke

about her interest in transportation. Jeff Snelling, SLC, said he appreciates the relationships they've been able to foster with UDOT. Jamie Evans, Evans Grading and Paving, mentioned fatality rates in Utah in comparison to those in Houston, TX. Transportation Commissioner Wayne Barlow commented on his business and personal connections to Salt Lake City. Shane Marshall, UDOT, stated he is looking forward to seeing what the issues are in Salt Lake City. Commissioner Naghi Zeenati commented on recent flooding in the St. George area and UDOT's dedication and diligence to help with that. Commissioner Dannie McConkie noted that he worked for UDOT previously, and spoke to the quality of leadership at UDOT and what is going on in the state. Don Butterfield, Capitol Hill Community Council, said he wants to know what may be in the works for snow removal, reducing commuter traffic on Victory Road, retiming of traffic signals, and bicyclists on Victory Road.

## DISCUSSION: CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS WILL DISCUSS TRANSPORTATION ITEMS OF INTEREST INVOLVING SALT LAKE CITY AND THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO SEE WHERE THE TWO CAN WORK TOGETHER TO IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS AND SYSTEMS

Councilmember Luke opened up the time for discussion. The following items were discussed: aesthetic issues of on and off ramps in SLC and what can be done to beautify them; snow removal and who has jurisdiction for snow removal in certain circumstances/areas; pedestrian access on UDOT roads and mid-block cross walks; possible plans for the 900 South on/off ramp; safety concerns due to the lack of sidewalks on parts of Redwood Road; where chokepoint areas occur in SLC on the weekends; and park and ride lots and parking/parking fees in downtown SLC.

Councilmember Luke thanked everyone for their comments and input and said he hopes this is something that can continue in future years. Nathan Lee directed everyone to go outside and walk across the street to the GREENbikes area for the start of the tour.

The joint meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm

Ann Abegglen, Commission Secretary